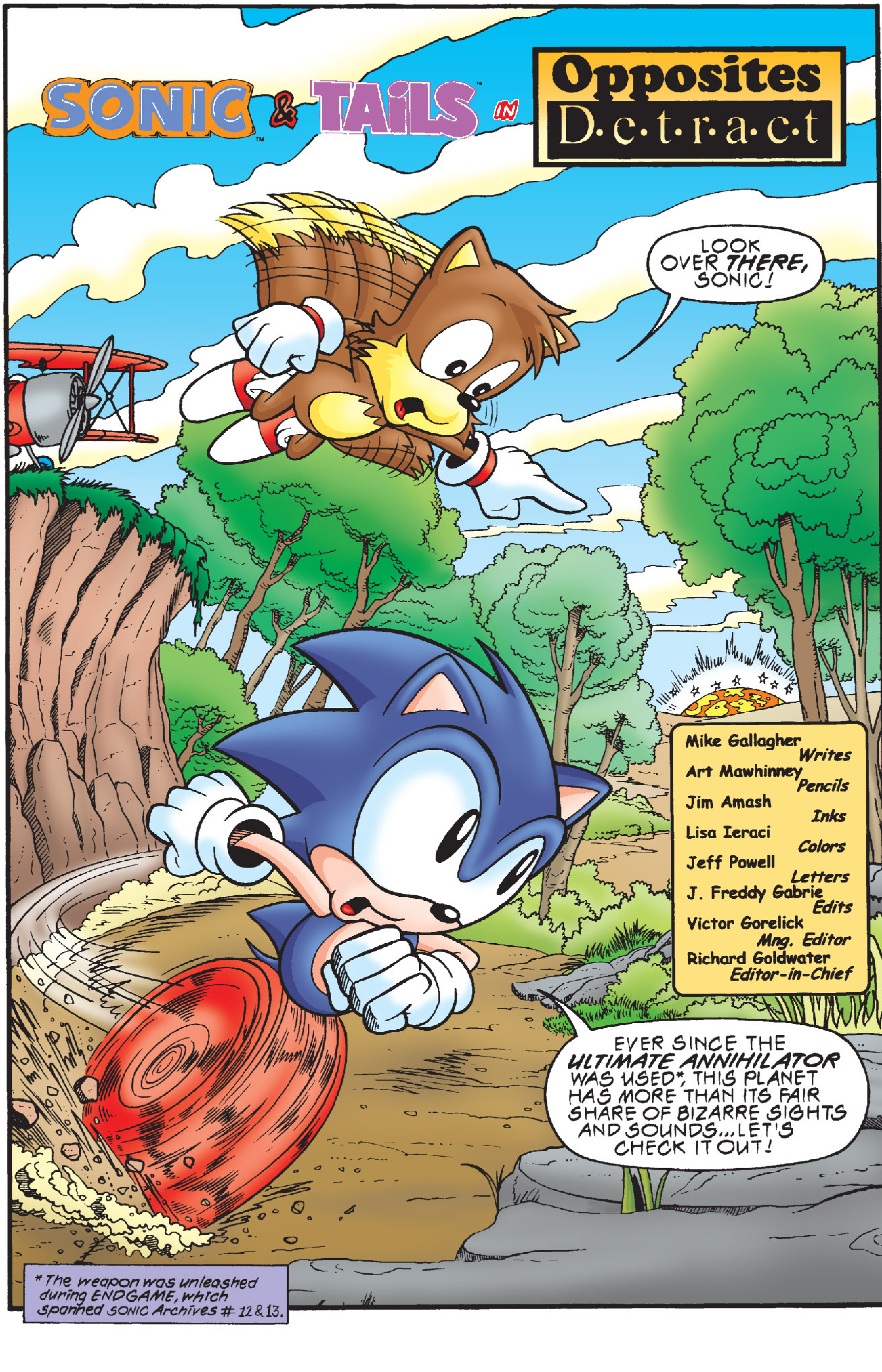
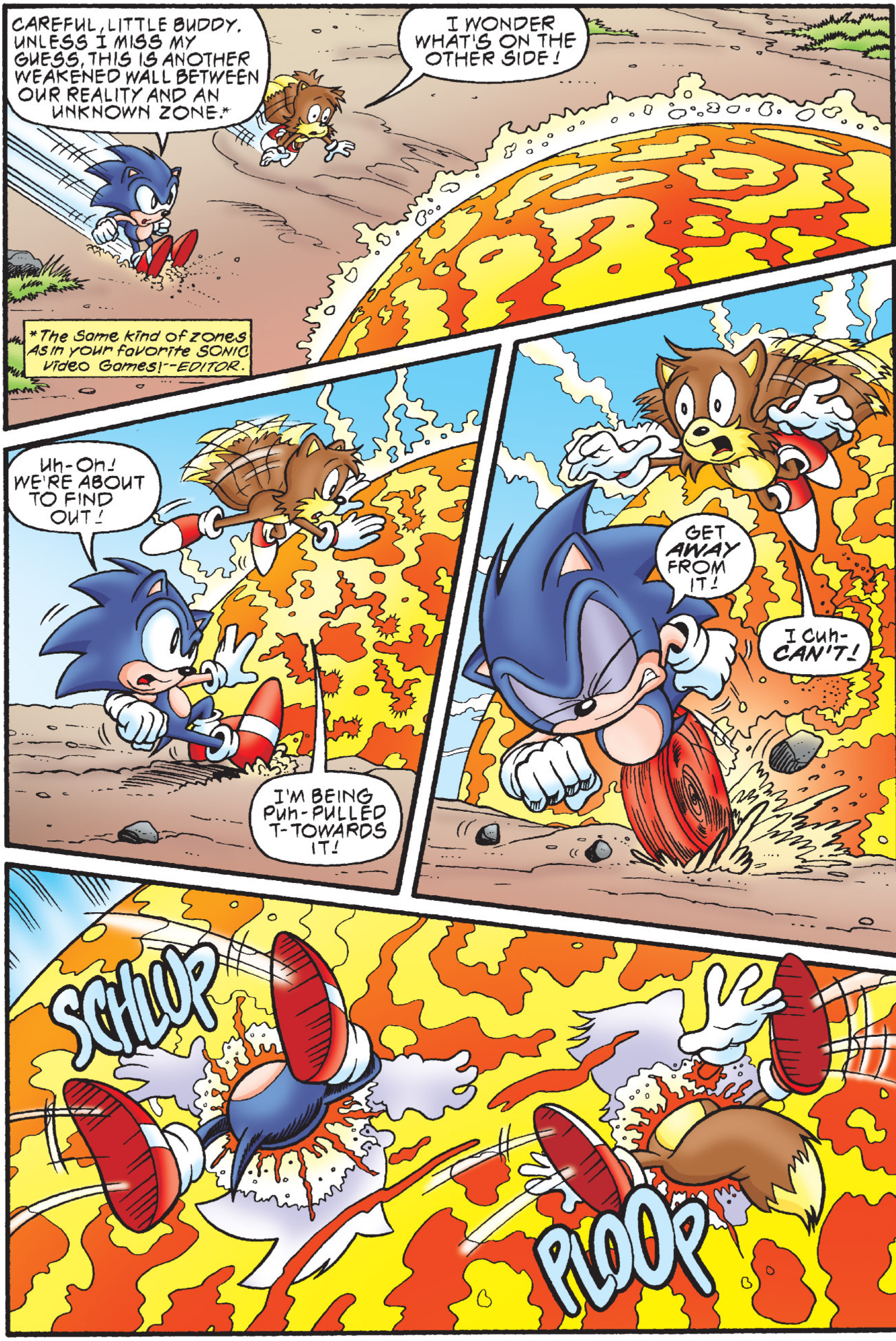
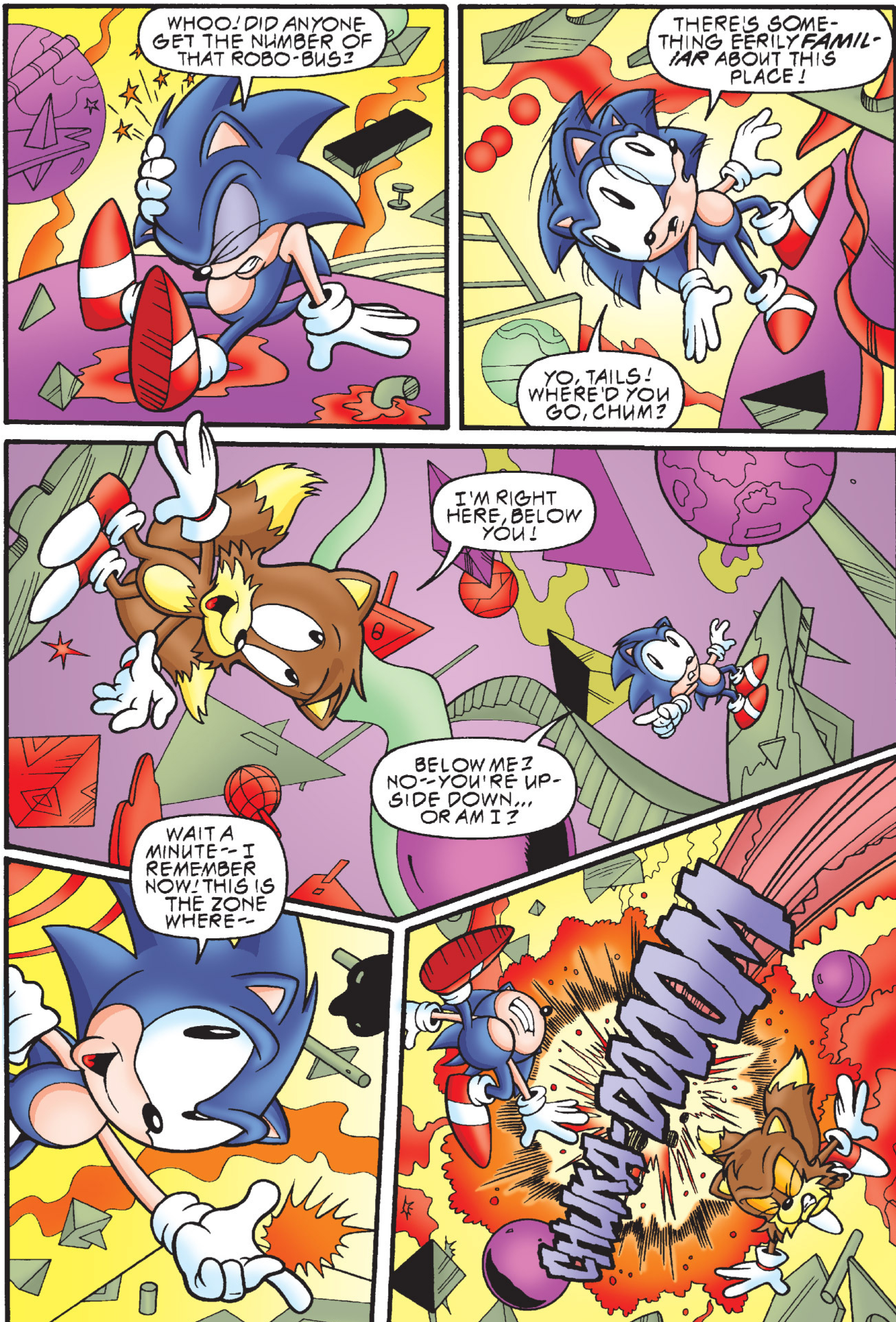


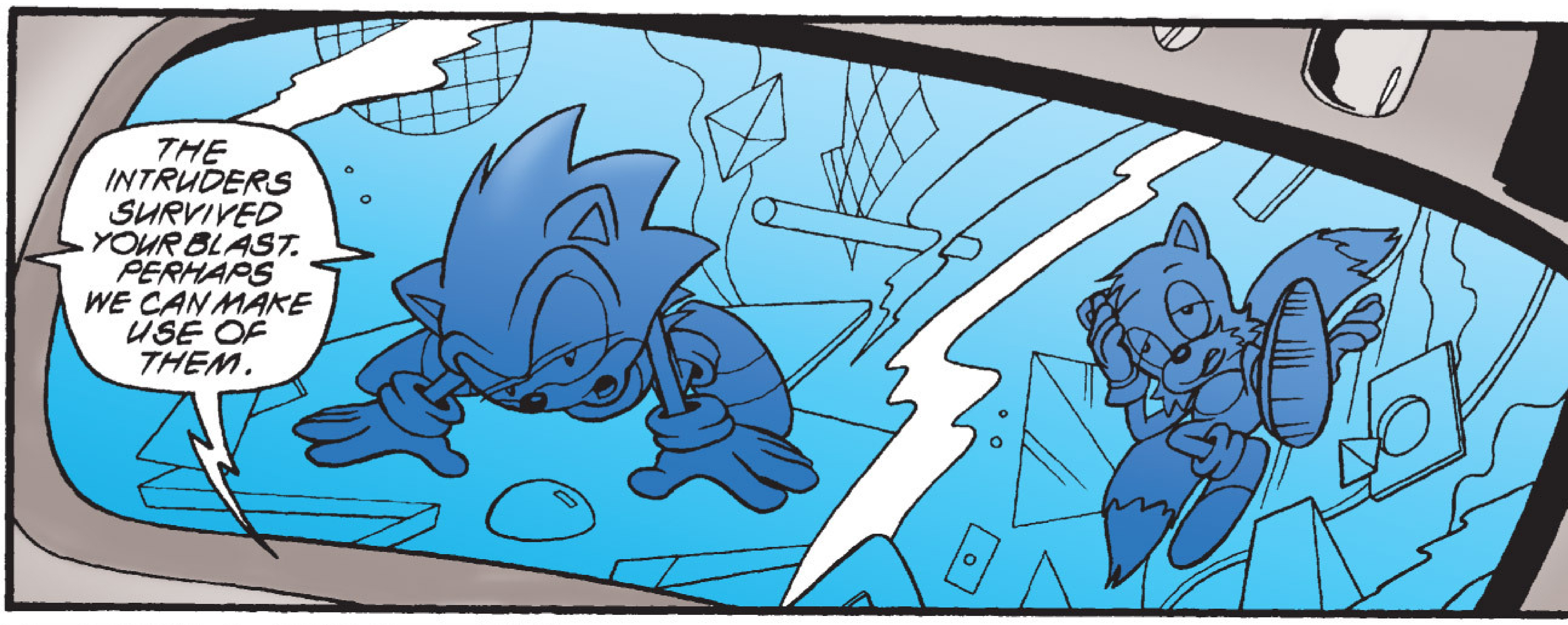
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EVER SINCE THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR WAS USED*, THIS PLANET HAS MORE THAN ITS FAIR SHARE OF BIZARRE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS...LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
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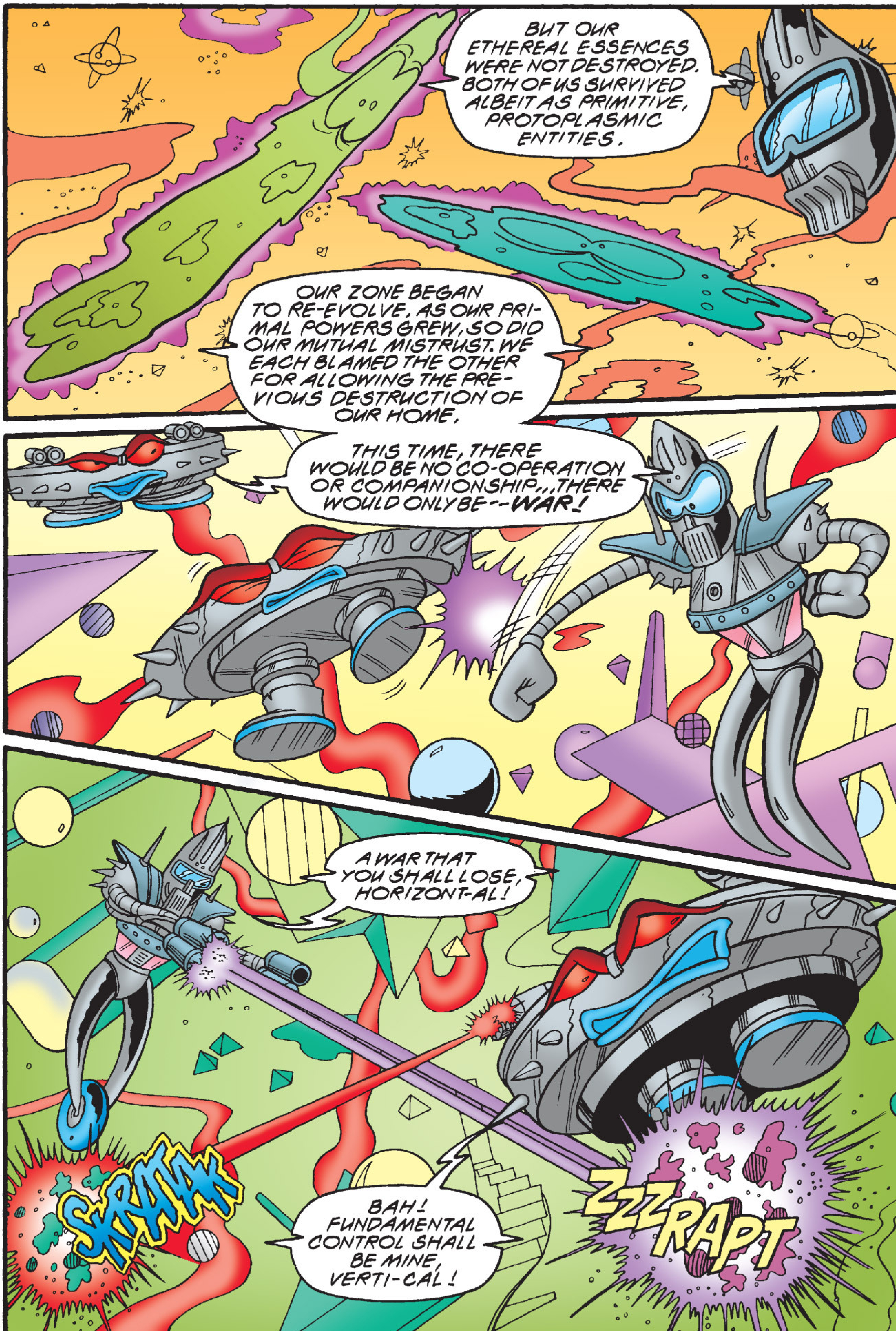

CAREFUL, LITTLE BUDDY. UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THIS IS ANOTHER WEAKENED WALL BETWEEN OUR REALITY AND AN UNKNOWN ZONE.*
I WONDER WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE!
*The Same kind of zones As in your favorite SONIC Video Games!--EDITOR.
Uh-Oh! WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT!
I'M BEING Puh-PULLED T-TOWARDS IT!
GET AWAY FROM IT!
I Cuh-CAN'T!
SCHLOP
PLOOP

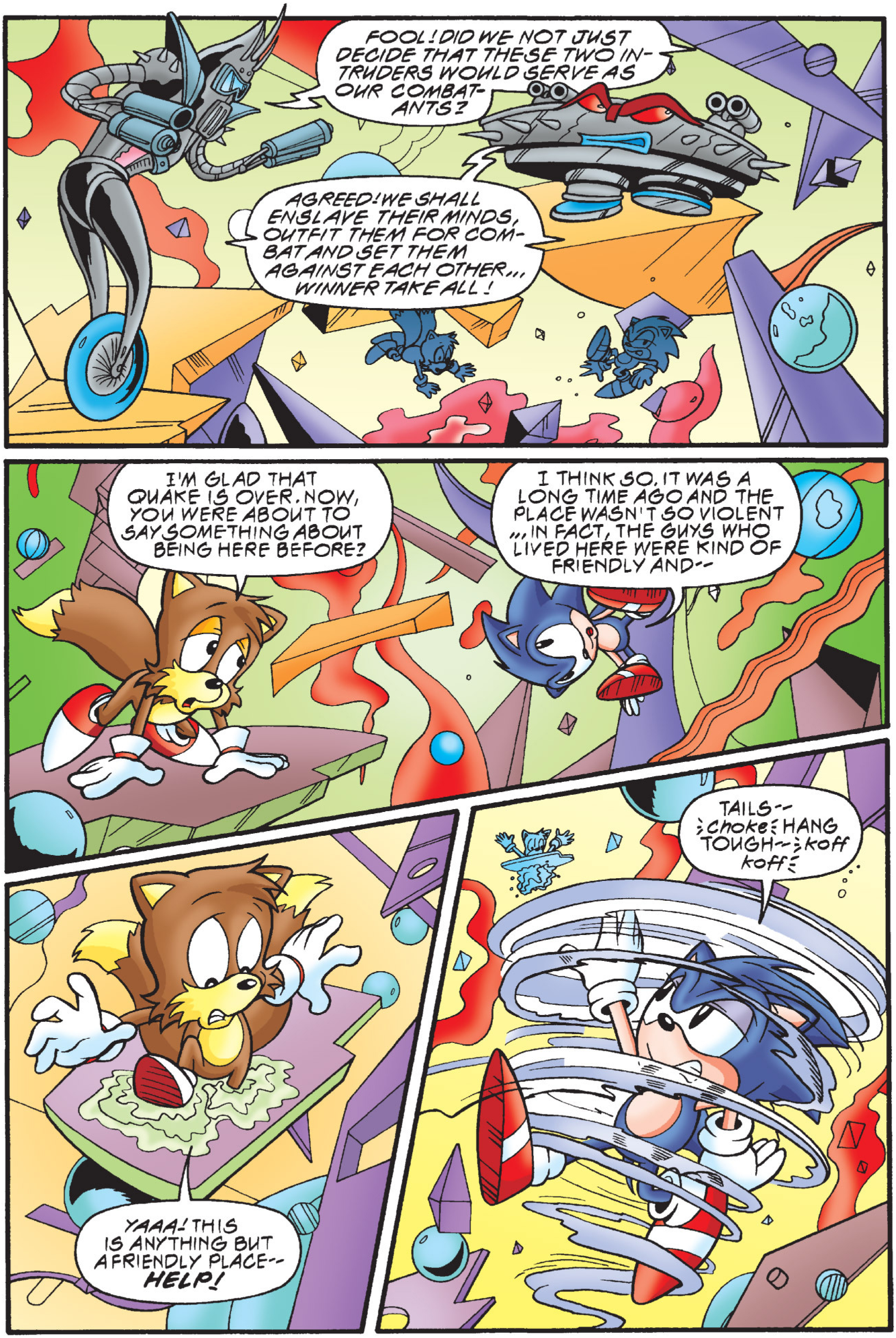

WHOO! DID ANYONE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT ROBO-BUS?
THERE'S SOMETHING EERILY *FAMILIAR* ABOUT THIS PLACE!
YO, TAILS! WHERE'D YOU GO, CHUM?
I'M RIGHT HERE, BELOW YOU!
BELOW ME? NO--YOU'RE UPSIDE DOWN... OR AM I?
WAIT A MINUTE-- I REMEMBER NOW! THIS IS THE ZONE WHERE--
CHUKA-DOOOOM

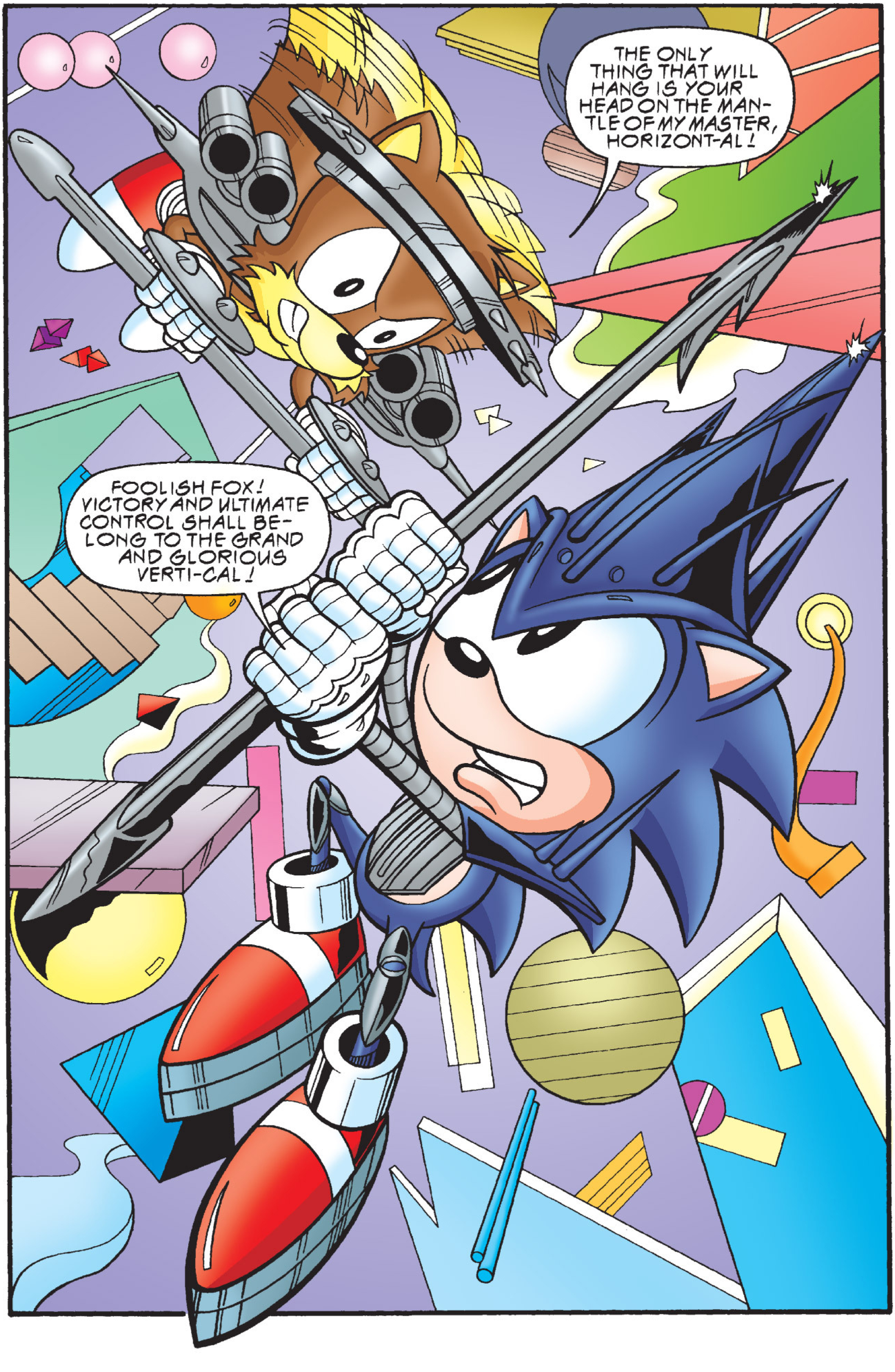

THE INTRUDERS SURVIVED YOUR BLAST. PERHAPS WE CAN MAKE USE OF THEM.

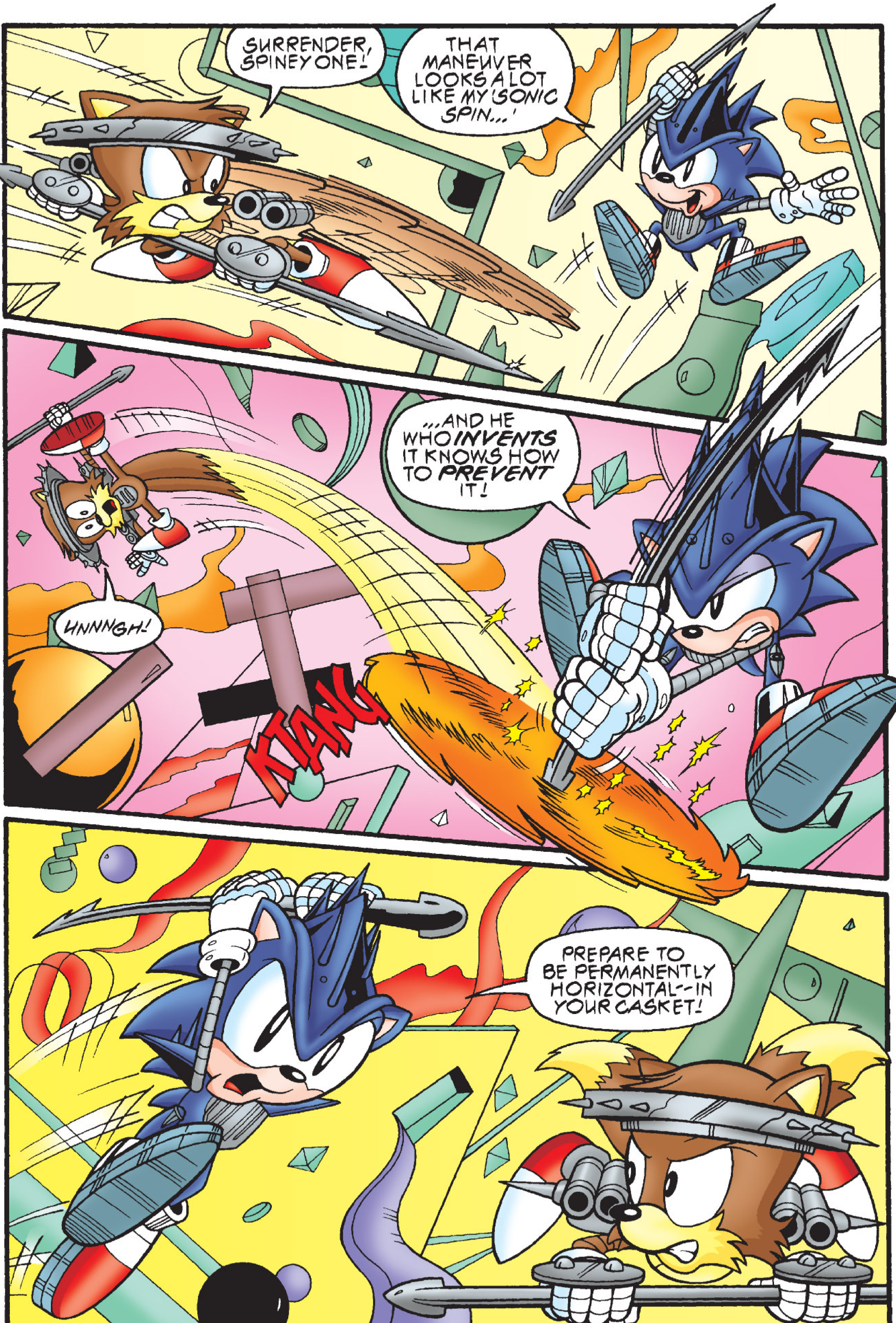

INDEED, VERTI-CAL. HAVING THEM SERVE AS OUR PAWNS MIGHT BE--AMUSING.
AMUSEMENT, HORIZONT-AL? IT IS A CONCEPT I BARELY REMEMBER.


LONG AGO, WE CO-EXISTED AS COMPANIONS. THEN, AS NOW, OUR ZONE WAS NOT GOVERNED BY ANY LAWS OF PHYSICS AND OUR TIME WAS SPENT RECREATING.*
*All the way back in SONIC Archives Vol.1, "Vertigo A Go-Go". ~EDITOR.
IN FACT, I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THESE CURRENT INTRUDERS WAS PRIVY TO OUR FORMER EXISTENCE.
BUT THEN, THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR OCCURED. OUR ZONE WAS DECIMATED BACK TO A SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL.

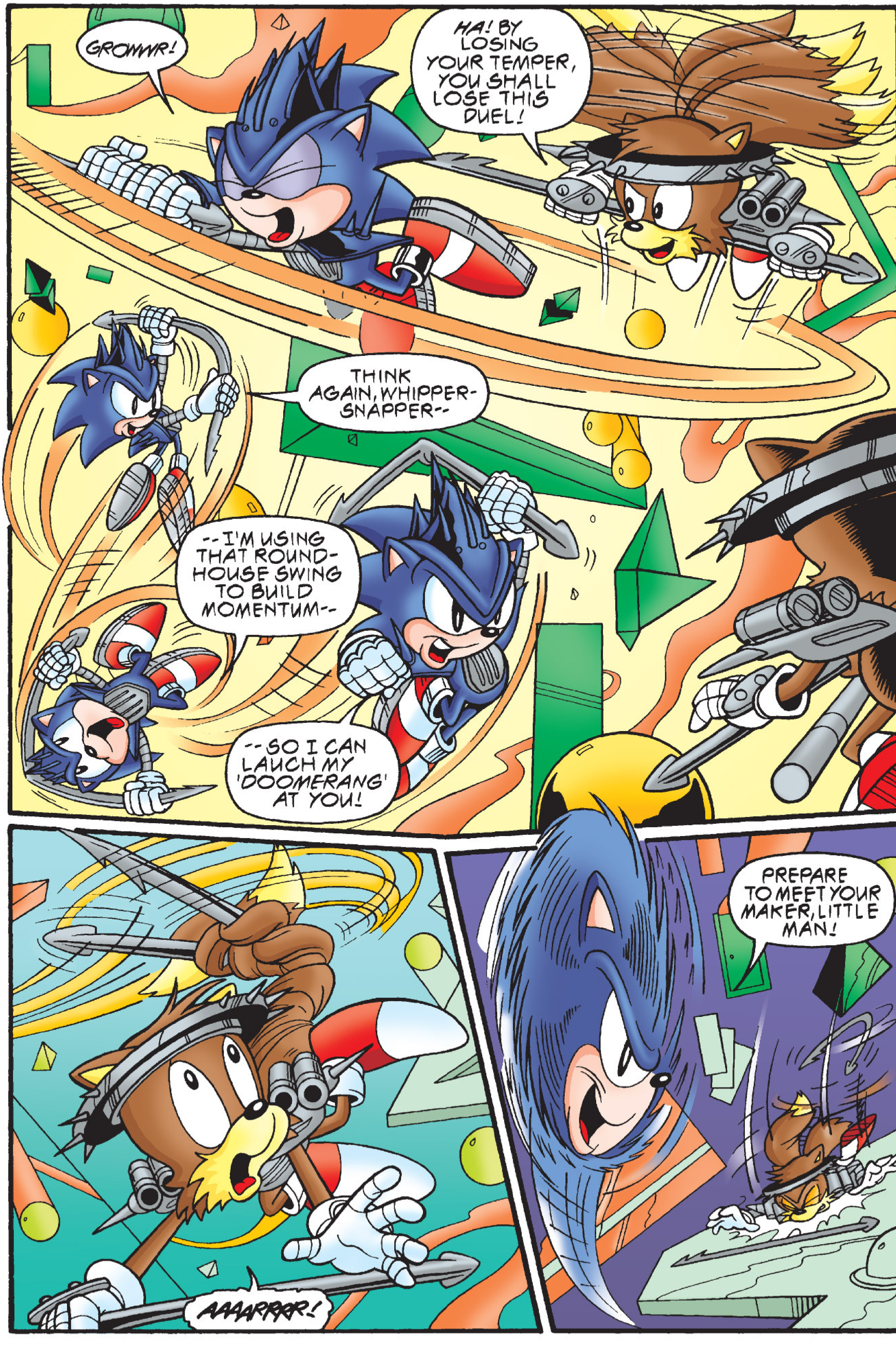

BUT OUR ETHEREAL ESSENCES WERE NOT DESTROYED. BOTH OF US SURVIVED ALBEIT AS PRIMITIVE, PROTOPLASMIC ENTITIES.
OUR ZONE BEGAN TO RE-EVOLVE. AS OUR PRIMAL POWERS GREW, SO DID OUR MUTUAL MISTRUST. WE EACH BLAMED THE OTHER FOR ALLOWING THE PREVIOUS DESTRUCTION OF OUR HOME.
THIS TIME, THERE WOULD BE NO CO-OPERATION OR COMPANIONSHIP... THERE WOULD ONLY BE--WAR!
A WAR THAT YOU SHALL LOSE, HORIZONT-AL!
SKRATAK
ZZZRAPT
BAH! FUNDAMENTAL CONTROL SHALL BE MINE, VERTI-CAL!

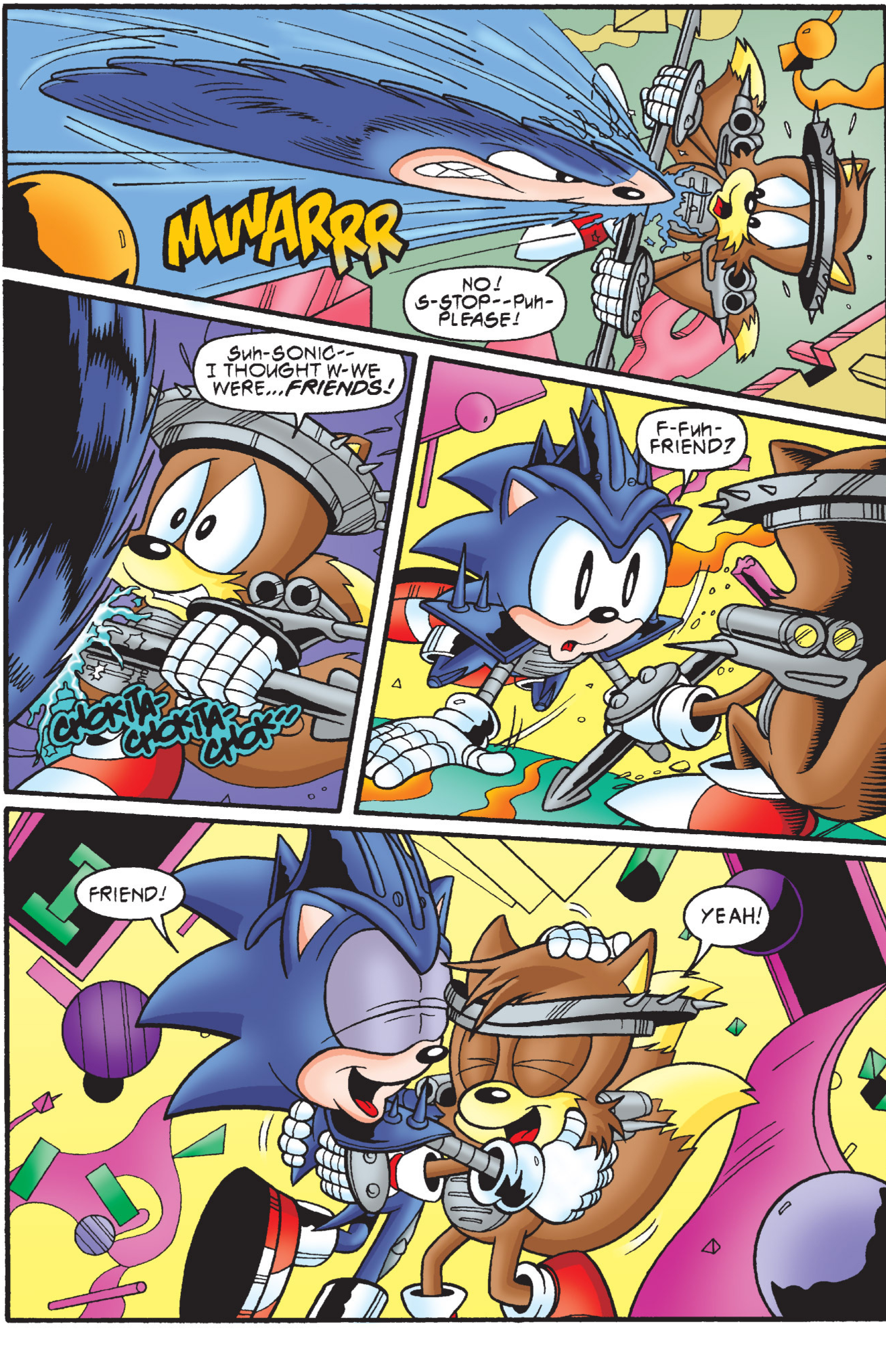

FOOL! DID WE NOT JUST DECIDE THAT THESE TWO IN-TRUDERS WOULD SERVE AS OUR COMBAT-ANTS?
AGREED! WE SHALL ENSLAVE THEIR MINDS, OUTFIT THEM FOR COM-BAT AND SET THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER... WINNER TAKE ALL!
I'M GLAD THAT QUAKE IS OVER. NOW, YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT BEING HERE BEFORE?
I THINK SO. IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO AND THE PLACE WASN'T SO VIOLENT ... IN FACT, THE GUYS WHO LIVED HERE WERE KIND OF FRIENDLY AND--
YAAA! THIS IS ANYTHING BUT A FRIENDLY PLACE-- HELP!
TAILS-- choke HANG TOUGH-- koff koff

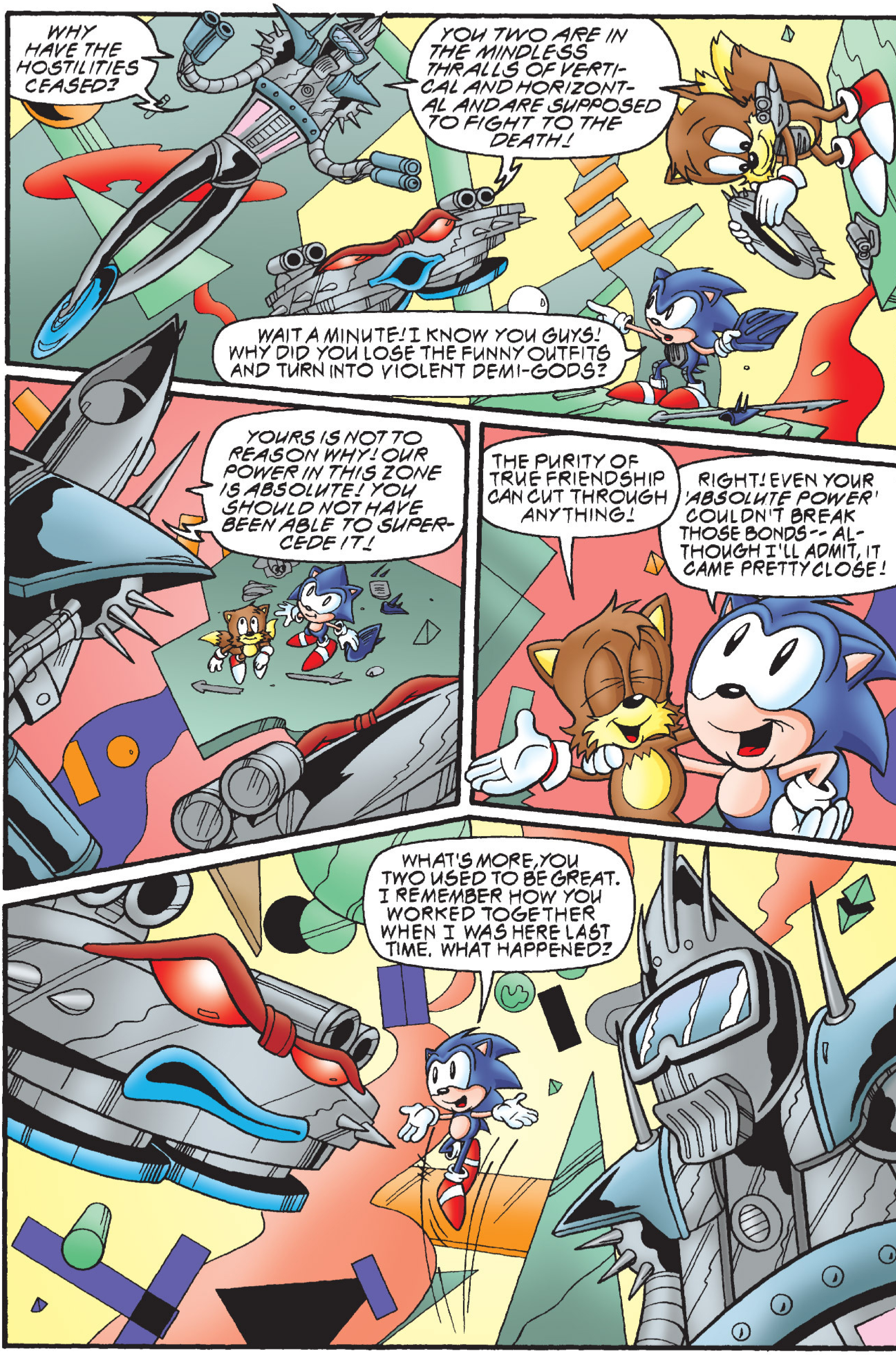

THE ONLY THING THAT WILL HANG IS YOUR HEAD ON THE MANTLE OF MY MASTER, HORIZONT-AL!
FOOLISH FOX! VICTORY AND ULTIMATE CONTROL SHALL BELONG TO THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS VERTI-CAL!

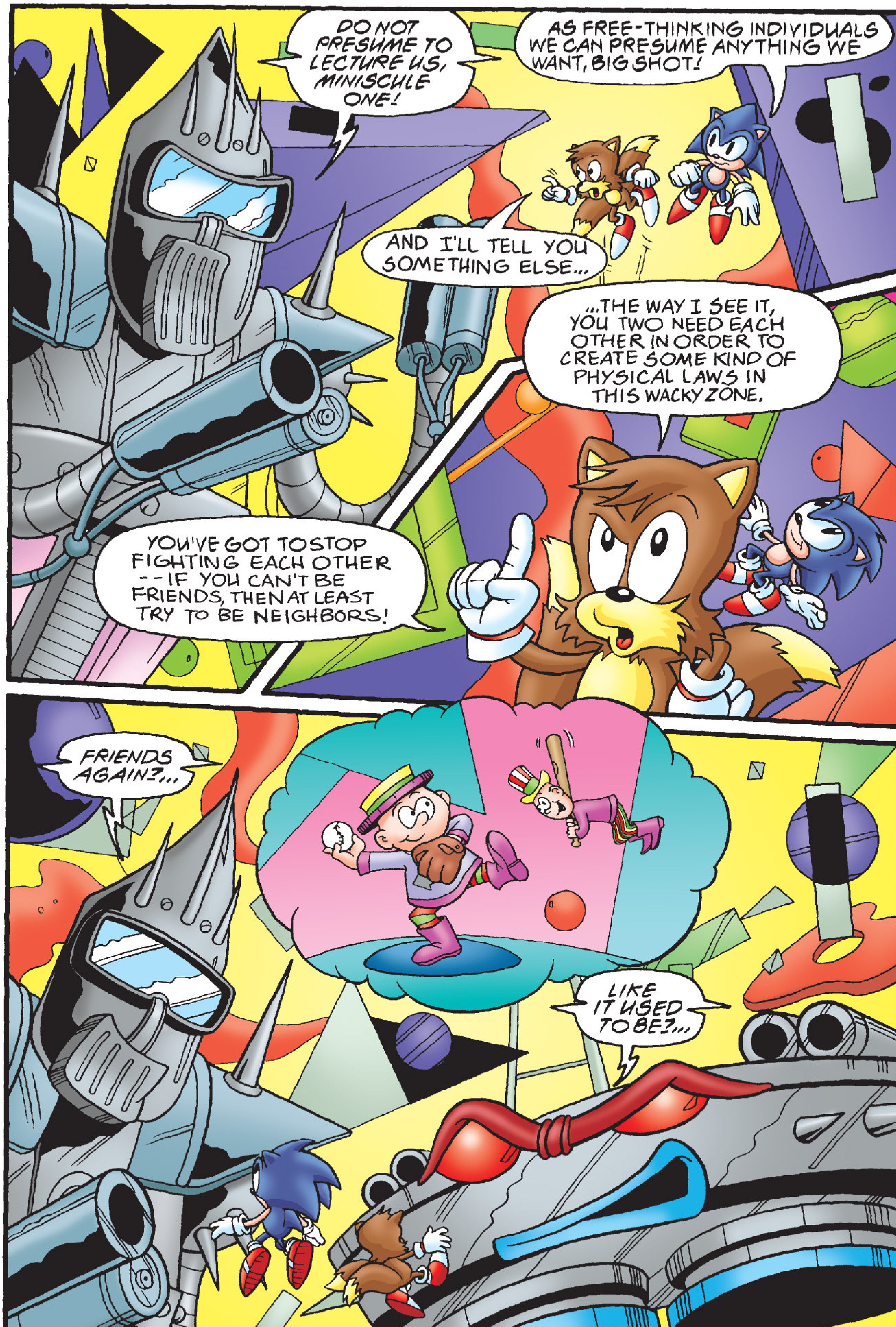

SURRENDER, SPINEY ONE!
THAT MANEUVER LOOKS A LOT LIKE MY 'SONIC SPIN...'
...AND HE WHO INVENTS IT KNOWS HOW TO PREVENT IT!
UNNNGH!
KTANG
PREPARE TO BE PERMANENTLY HORIZONTAL--IN YOUR CASKET!


YOUR CLUMSY, PRIMITIVE ASSAULT IS EASILY CHECKED...
SKRRRANK
...AND MATED!
ZRAPP
WHOOOF!
IT WOULD APPEAR YOUR SOLDIER LACKS THE NECESSARY COMBAT SKILLS.
A TEMPORARY SETBACK--HE WILL RECOVER AND CONQUER!
UPSTART! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

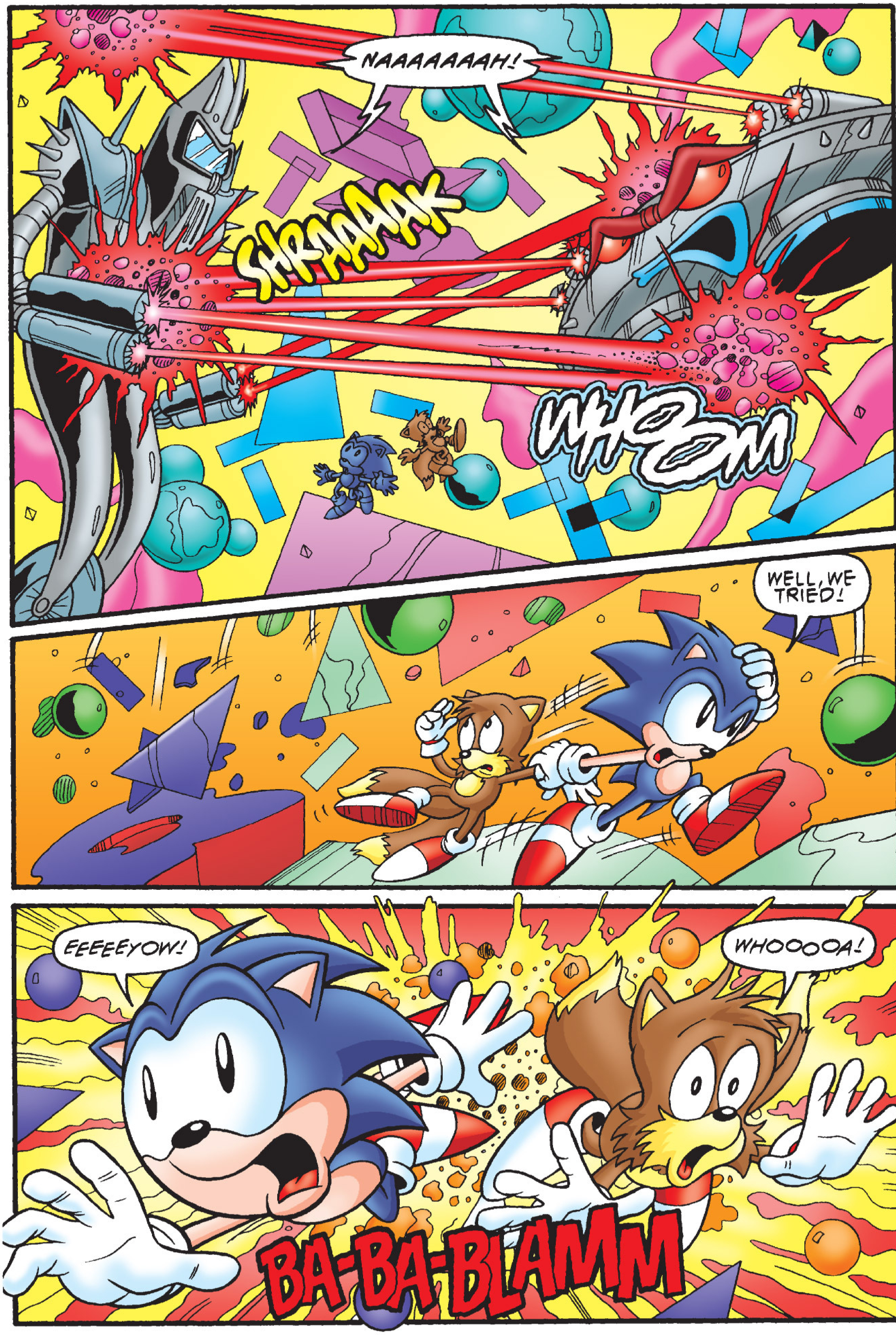

GROWWR!
HA! BY LOSING YOUR TEMPER, YOU SHALL LOSE THIS DUEL!
THINK AGAIN, WHIPPER-SNAPPER--
--I'M USING THAT ROUND-HOUSE SWING TO BUILD MOMENTUM--
--SO I CAN LAUCH MY 'DOOMERANG' AT YOU!
AAAARRRR!
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MAKER, LITTLE MAN!

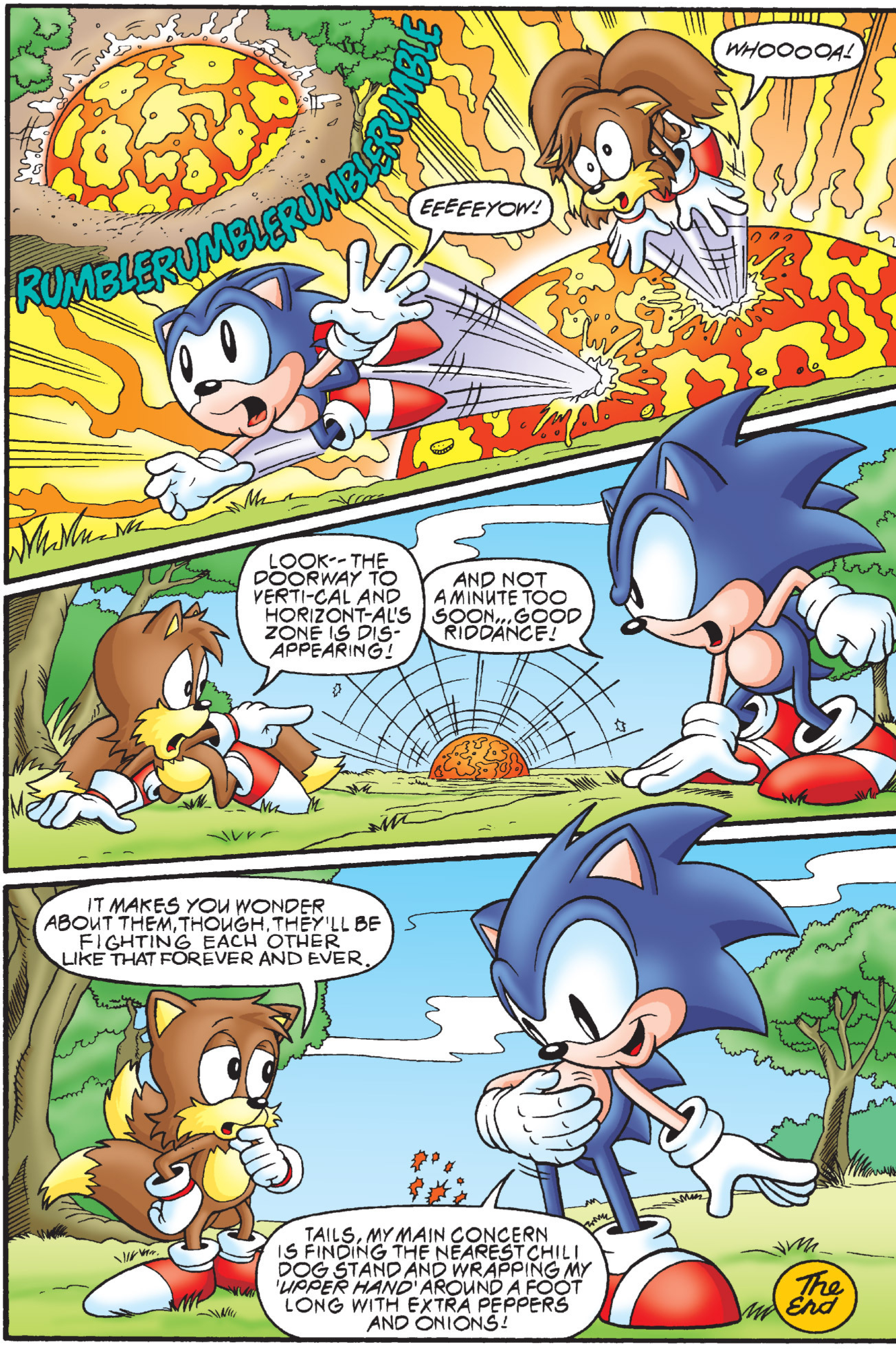

MWARRR
NO! S-STOP--Puh-PLEASE!
Suh-SONIC-- I THOUGHT W-WE WERE...FRIENDS!
CHOKITA-CHOKITA-CHOK
F-Fuh-FRIEND?
FRIEND!
YEAH!


WHY HAVE THE HOSTILITIES CEASED?
YOU TWO ARE IN THE MINDLESS THRALLS OF VERTI-CAL AND HORIZONT-AL AND ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW YOU GUYS! WHY DID YOU LOSE THE FUNNY OUTFITS AND TURN INTO VIOLENT DEMI-GODS?
YOURS IS NOT TO REASON WHY! OUR POWER IN THIS ZONE IS ABSOLUTE! YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPER-CEDE IT!
THE PURITY OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING!
RIGHT! EVEN YOUR 'ABSOLUTE POWER' COULDN'T BREAK THOSE BONDS-- AL-THOUGH I'LL ADMIT, IT CAME PRETTY CLOSE!
WHAT'S MORE, YOU TWO USED TO BE GREAT. I REMEMBER HOW YOU WORKED TOGETHER WHEN I WAS HERE LAST TIME. WHAT HAPPENED?



DO NOT PRESUME TO LECTURE US, MINISCULE ONE!
AS FREE-THINKING INDIVIDUALS WE CAN PRESUME ANYTHING WE WANT, BIG SHOT!
AND I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE...
...THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU TWO NEED EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO CREATE SOME KIND OF PHYSICAL LAWS IN THIS WACKY ZONE.
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER --IF YOU CAN'T BE FRIENDS, THEN AT LEAST TRY TO BE NEIGHBORS!
FRIENDS AGAIN?...
LIKE IT USED TO BE?...


NAAAAAAAH!
SHRAAAK
WHOOM
WELL, WE TRIED!
EEEEEYOW!
WHOOOOOA!
BA-BA-BLAMM



RUMBLERUMBLERUMBLERUMBLERUMBLE
WHOOOOA!
EEEEEYOW!
LOOK--THE DOORWAY TO VERTI-CAL AND HORIZONT-AL'S ZONE IS DIS-APPEARING!
AND NOT A MINUTE TOO SOON... GOOD RIDDANCE!
IT MAKES YOU WONDER ABOUT THEM, THOUGH. THEY'LL BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER LIKE THAT FOREVER AND EVER.
TAILS, MY MAIN CONCERN IS FINDING THE NEAREST CHILI DOG STAND AND WRAPPING MY 'UPPER HAND' AROUND A FOOT LONG WITH EXTRA PEPPERS AND ONIONS!
The End



BONUS! THE UNUSED COVER FOR THIS ISSUE IS NOW YOUR PIN-UP TO COLOR. ENJOY!!

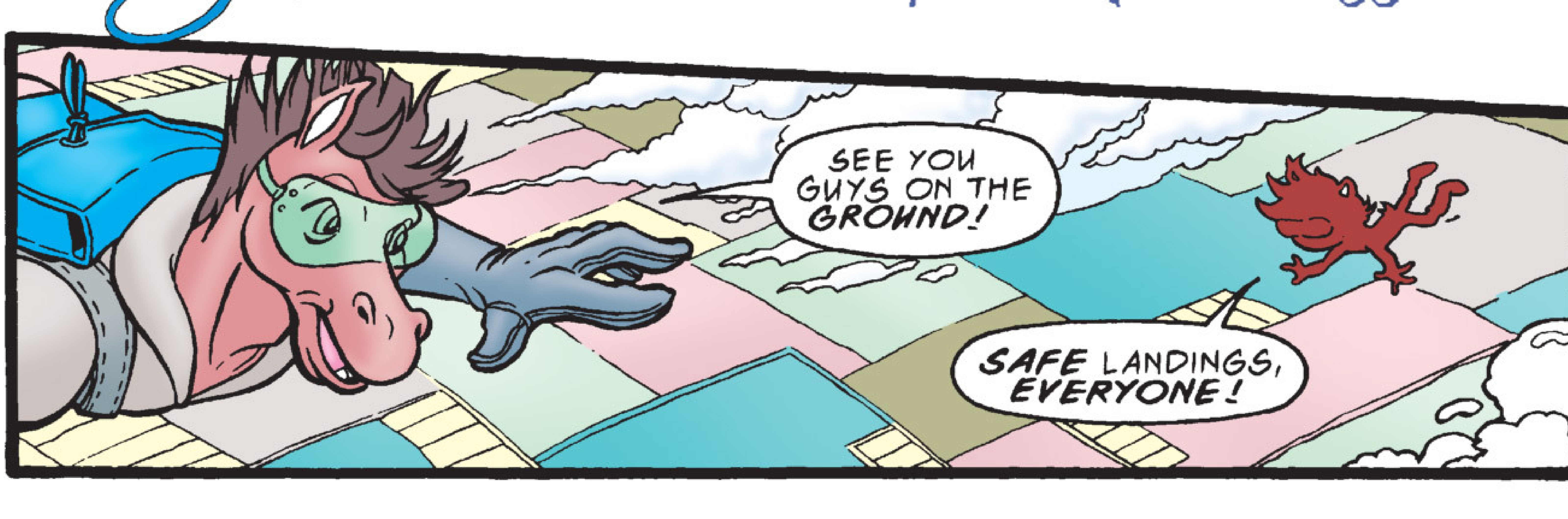


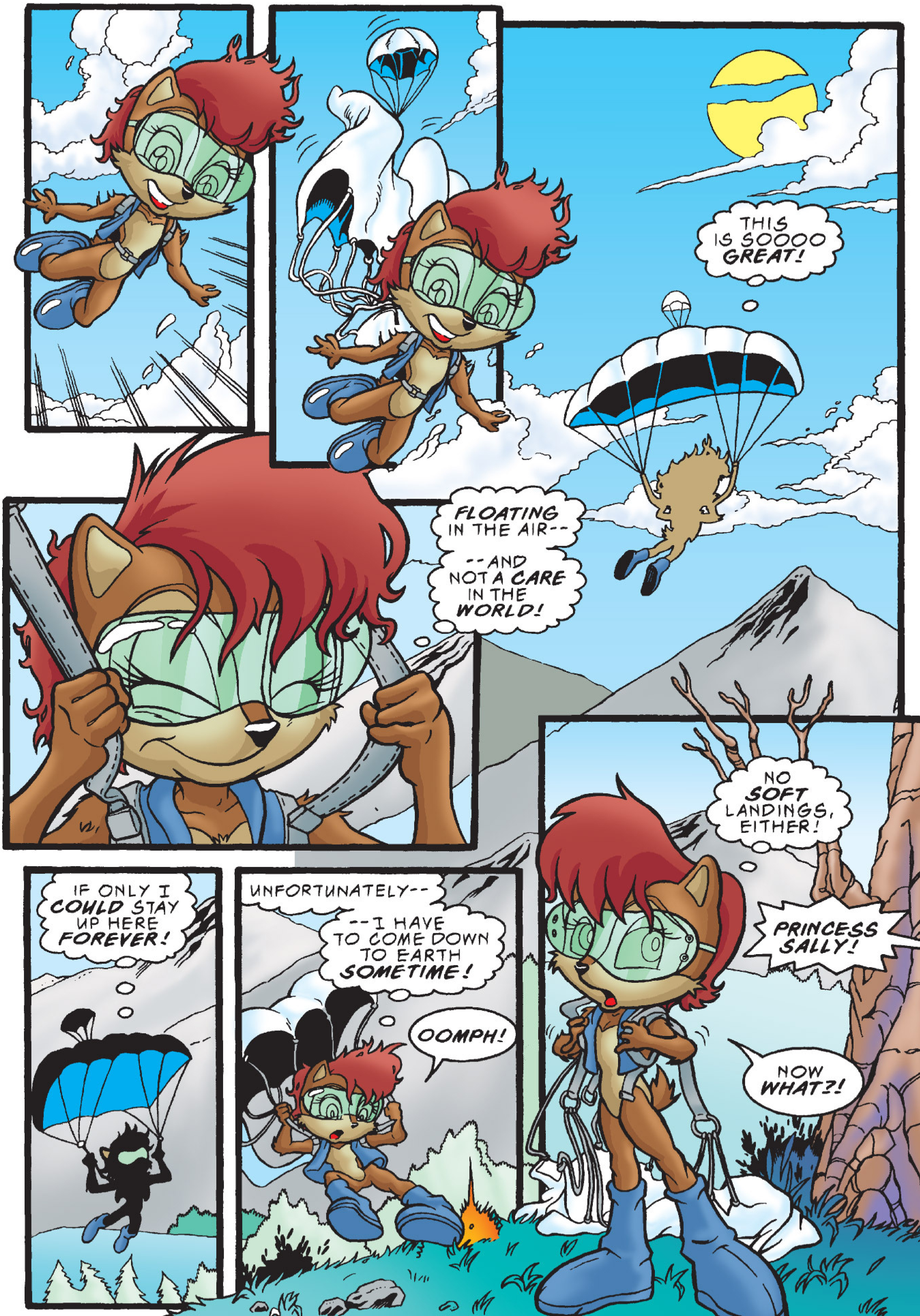
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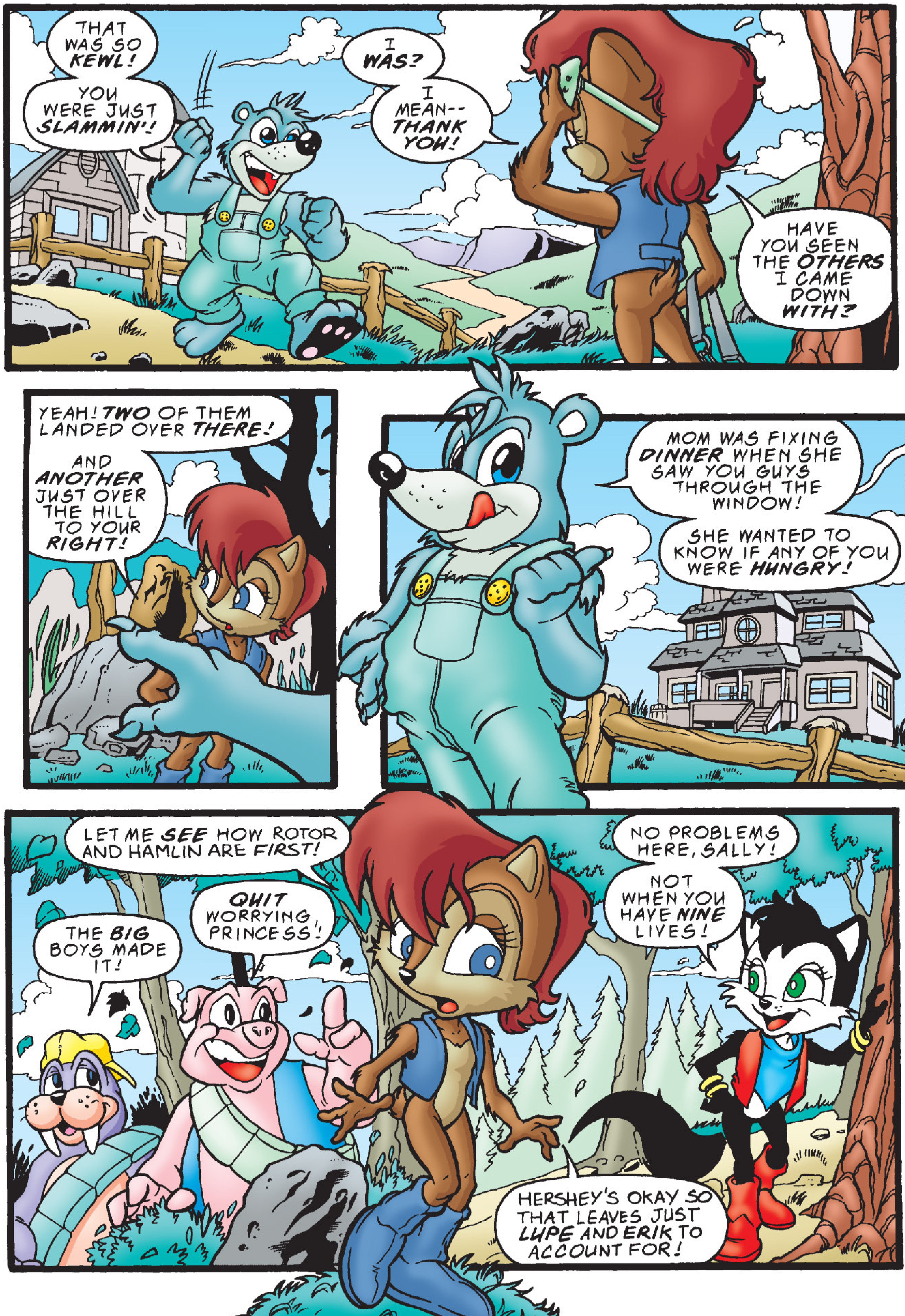
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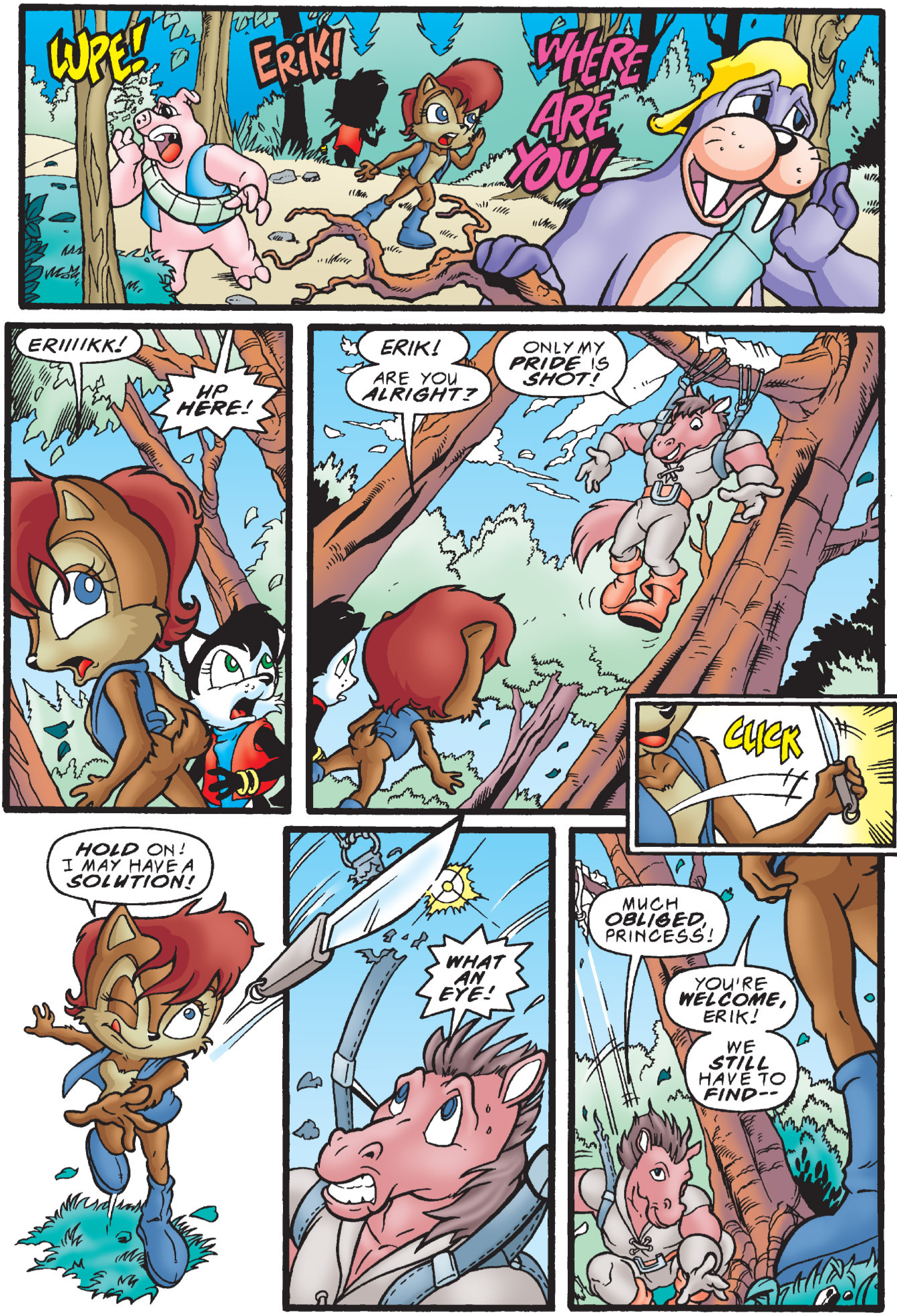
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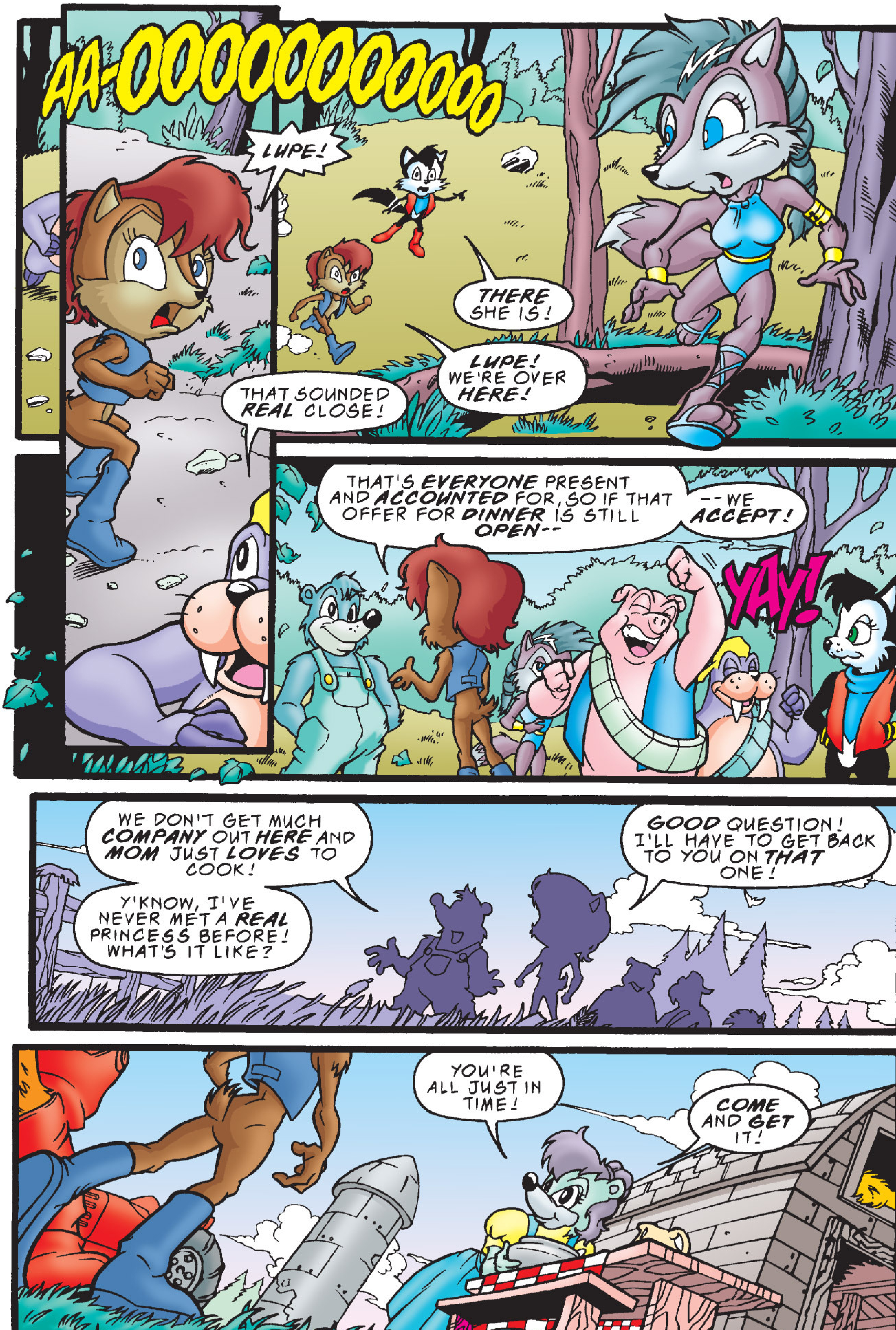


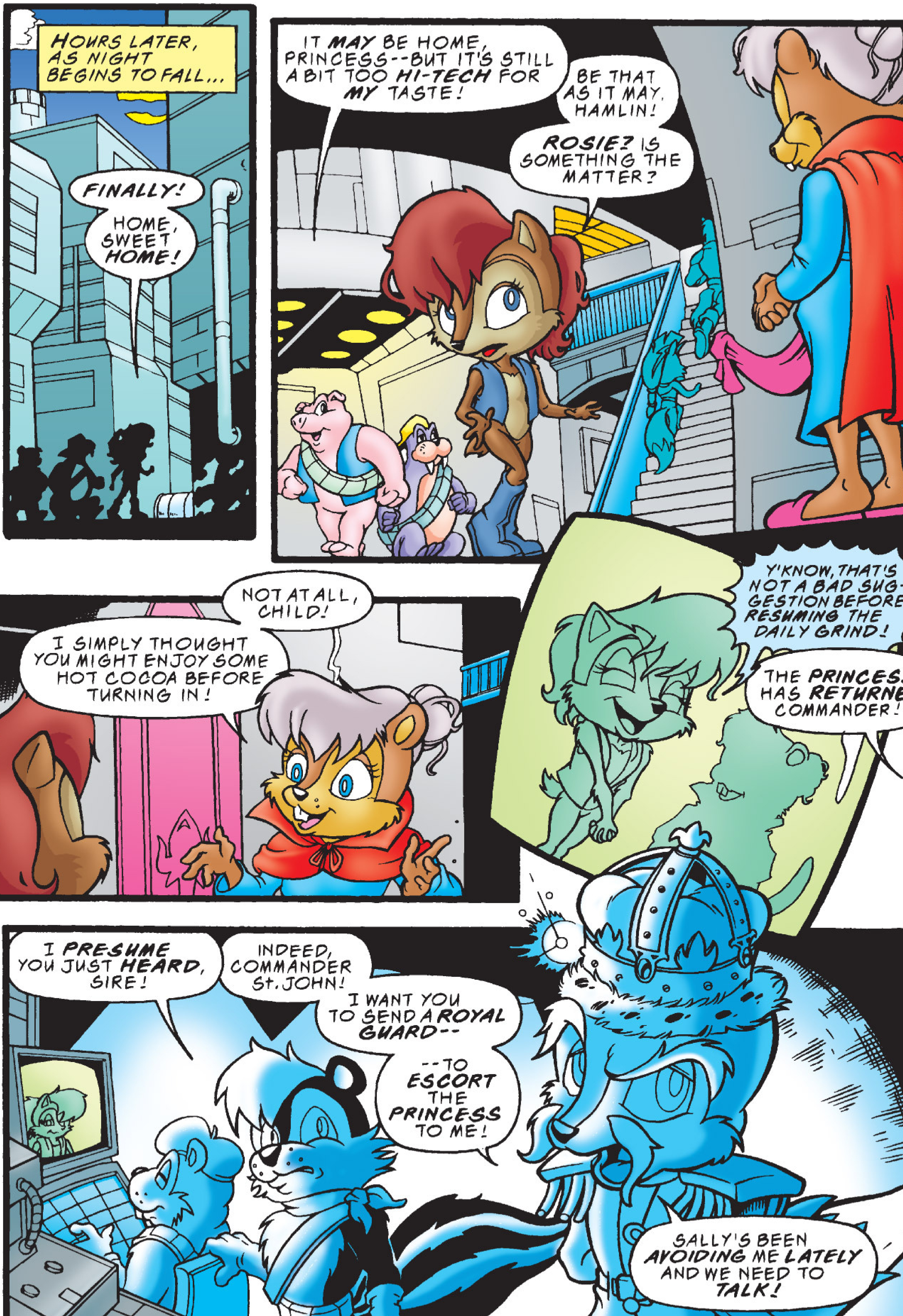


THIS IS SOOOO GREAT!
FLOATING IN THE AIR--
--AND NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD!
IF ONLY I COULD STAY UP HERE FOREVER!
UNFORTUNATELY--
--I HAVE TO COME DOWN TO EARTH SOMETIME!
OOMPH!
NO SOFT LANDINGS, EITHER!
PRINCESS SALLY!
NOW WHAT?!


THAT WAS SO KEWL!
YOU WERE JUST SLAMMIN'!
I WAS?
I MEAN-- THANK YOU!
HAVE YOU SEEN THE OTHERS I CAME DOWN WITH?
YEAH! TWO OF THEM LANDED OVER THERE!
AND ANOTHER JUST OVER THE HILL TO YOUR RIGHT!
MOM WAS FIXING DINNER WHEN SHE SAW YOU GUYS THROUGH THE WINDOW!
SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF YOU WERE HUNGRY!
LET ME SEE HOW ROTOR AND HAMLIN ARE FIRST!
THE BIG BOYS MADE IT!
QUIT WORRYING, PRINCESS!
NO PROBLEMS HERE, SALLY!
NOT WHEN YOU HAVE NINE LIVES!
HERSHEY'S OKAY SO THAT LEAVES JUST LUPE AND ERIK TO ACCOUNT FOR!


LUPE!
ERIK!
WHERE ARE YOU!
ERIIIIKK!
UP HERE!
ERIK!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
ONLY MY PRIDE IS SHOT!
CLICK
HOLD ON! I MAY HAVE A SOLUTION!
WHAT AN EYE!
MUCH OBLIGED, PRINCESS!
YOU'RE WELCOME, ERIK!
WE STILL HAVE TO FIND--


AA-OOOOOOOOOOO
LUPE!
THAT SOUNDED REAL CLOSE!
THERE SHE IS!
LUPE! WE'RE OVER HERE!
THAT'S EVERYONE PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR, SO IF THAT OFFER FOR DINNER IS STILL OPEN--
--WE ACCEPT!
YAY!
WE DON'T GET MUCH COMPANY OUT HERE AND MOM JUST LOVES TO COOK!
Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER MET A REAL PRINCESS BEFORE! WHAT'S IT LIKE?
GOOD QUESTION! I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT ONE!
YOU'RE ALL JUST IN TIME!
COME AND GET IT!



NEXT: *Daddy's Girl?*